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Ring Topped Road Delineator with Sheltered Tie-On Terminal

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 1/14/2004 the following amendment in the above-identified application is respectfully submitted:

In the Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising: an upright stand terminating at an upper end thereof, with an integral frame defining an aperture; the frame and the upper end of the upright stand joined at a crotch; and, a tie-on terminal in the form of a mushroom, extending from the crotch, upwardly into the aperture.
- 2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upright stand is generally cylindrical.
- 3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upright stand is generally cone shaped.
- 4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upright stand is generally rectangular and upwardly tapered.
- 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the upright stand comprises plural contiguous, coaxial, sections including a base section, a center section joined to the base section at an inwardly directed annular step, and an upper section joined to the center section at an outwardly directed annular step.
- 6. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the upright stand comprises two contiguous, coaxial, sections including a central section, and joined to the central section at an outwardly directed annular step, an upper section.
- 7. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tie-on terminal is in the form of a mushroom.